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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDIP, US, ZA  
SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AMBASSADORIAL ACCREDITATION: PUTTEHO  
MUKETOI NGONDA

1. MARK CHONA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA, HAS ASKED THE AMBASSADOR'S ASSISTANCE IN SEEKING PROMPT ACCREDITATION FOR PUTTEHO MUKETOI NGONDA AS AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. DIP NOTE ASKS THAT ACCREDITATION TAKE PLACE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NOTE AND DETAILED CURRICULUM VITAE BEING TRANSMITTED BY POUCH.

2. NGONDA IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT; BORN IN MONGU IN 1936; HIGHER EDUCATION AT UNIVERSITY OF RHODESIA. HE HAS SERVED AT THE ZAMBIAN MISSION TO THE UN; AT ZAMBIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON; AS AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA (1972-74); AND AS HIGH COMMISSIONER TO UK (1974-75). HE IS NOW PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

COMMENT: THE NOTE OF URGENCY IN RECEIVING AGREEMENT RELATES TO THE POSSIBLE PRIVATE VISIT TO THE US OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA AND THE EVIDENT DESIRE OF THE GRZ TO HAVE THEIR AMBASSADOR IN PLACE BY THEN IF POSSIBLE.

NGONDA IS ONE OF THE SENIOR PROFESSIONALS IN ZAMBIA'S DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AND AS PERMANENT SECRETARY IN THE MINISTRY  
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OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE SENIOR PROFESSIONAL IN THE MINISTRY. HZ DOES NOT HAVE A POLITICAL CONSTITUENCY OF HIS OWN, BUT HE DOES ENJOY THE CONFIDENCE OF PRESIDENT KAUNDA. WHILE MINISTER MWALE HAS TRAVELED HE HAS BEEN THE CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MINISTRY PARTICIPATING IN HIGH LEVEL DISCUSSIONS ON SOUTHERN AFRICA OVER THE LAST MONTHS. NGONDA IS AN ARTICULATE DEFENDER OF OFFICIAL GRZ POLICY IN AREAS OF INTEREST TO THE US. WE HAVE

FOUND THAT HE WELCOMES FRANK DISCUSSIONS OF DIFFICULT ISSUES,  
BUT THAT HE IS A MAN DIFFICULT TO PERSUADE. HE IS HIGHLY  
REGARDED IN LUSAKA AS A MAN OF INTELLIGENCE AND INTEGRITY,  
AND WE BELIEVE HE WILL MAKE AN EXCELLENT REPRESENTATIVE OF ZAMBIA  
IN WASHINGTON. HIS WIFE IS ALSO AN ARTICULATE AND CHARMING PERSON.  
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